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UPGRADATION OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Science and Research Institutes in the country to bring them at par with international standards; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Upgradation of research institutes to conduct R&D in the thrust areas is a continuous process. This process is to support proposals projected in the annual plans of each institute and on the basis of recommendations of the Governing Councils of the Institutes.
To achieve the highest standard in their respective area of research, the institutes have been granted full autonomy to pursue R&D projects. Further, the Department of Science and Technology has made provision of Rs.11028 crore in the Eleventh Plan (2007-12) for undertaking various schemes/projects/programmes.